

SAVED FROM THE GRAVE

MR. JOHN ARTUS RELATES A REMARKABLE STORY.

He Says He Truly Believes If He Had Not Taken the Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at the Time He Did He Would Now Be in His Grave.

John Artus is one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Independence, Iowa. He is a large contractor and was for years Superintendent of the masons and plasterers during the building of the Iowa Hospital for the Insane, often having as many as 250 men under his charge. Said Mr. Artus to a reporter recently:

"I had for years been troubled with rheumatism, often having it so severely that I was compelled to keep my bed for weeks at a time. I sought relief from home physicians, but in vain. I tried all remedies which I could get, took the advice and remedies advanced by my friends, but all to no avail. At times I suffered so severely that I was all but dead. Had the doctors heard that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were an almost infallible cure for my ailment, but having tried so many advertised cures and never having found any relief, I had about given up hope of relief, when at the suggestion of a friend I began on Pink Pills. Thank God I did so; for from the very first dose I found relief. I continued to take them until in a short time I lost all signs of rheumatism. It has been over three years now since last I took any of the pills and to this day no sign of my old malady has returned. As true as I believe that there is a God in heaven, so true do I believe that I did not take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at the time I did that I would be in my grave. I give this testimony willingly and freely, hoping it will shed light on some other poor sufferer of that awful disease."

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Where Children Name Themselves. In New Zealand the Maori priest repeats to the infant a lengthy list of the names of its ancestors, fixing upon the one which the child, by sneezing or crying when it is uttered, is considered to select itself.

A copy of 'The Companion's Art Calendar for 1897, which rivals the famous "Yard of Roses" published by The Companion a few years ago, is given free to every new subscriber to The Companion for 1897. To new subscribers the paper is also sent free from the time the subscription is received till January, 1897. Thus new subscribers will receive, free, a handsome four-page folding calendar, lithographed in twelve colors. The Companion free every week to January, 1897, and for a full year, 1898, by sending the publishers \$1.25, one year's subscription. Illustrated prospectus for 1897 free. Address The Youth's Companion, 203 Columbus avenue, Boston, Mass.

Monument to an Aeronaut. A monument has been erected at Boulogne in honor of L'Hoste, the French aeronaut, who first crossed from France to England in a balloon. He crossed three times successfully, but was drowned in the fourth attempt.

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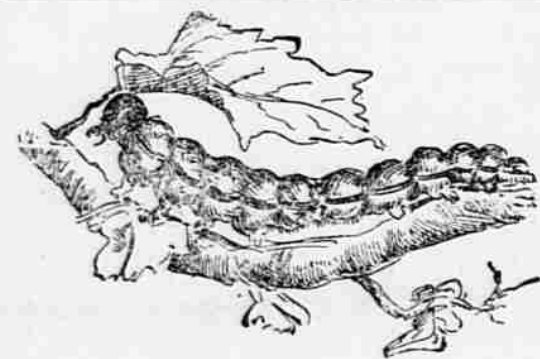


The Army Worm.

While we do not think there is much likelihood of a recurrence of the army worm pest next year, yet it may be well in case we should have another indication to know a little more about it. The New York Agricultural Experiment Station has devoted Bulletin No. 104 to an investigation of the beast, and from it we extract some facts which our readers would do well to bear in mind.

The eggs are very small, globular in form, and nearly white in color. They are usually laid in the leaf sheaths of grasses and grains, and the early brood, which does the mischief, oviposit freely in the cut straw of old stacks, in hay racks, in old corn shocks, and in bits of corn stalk that have been left upon the surface of the ground in pastures. This will explain a fact that has been noted by many, that the worms started in blue grass pastures on which corn fodder had been fed to cattle.

The young caterpillars come forth in about ten days from the time the eggs are laid. In case the eggs were placed on fresh grass or grain, the young larvae feed for a time in the sheath where the eggs were placed, but finally include the whole blade in the bill of fare. They are full grown in about four weeks. At this time a single larva measures about an inch and a half in length and a quarter of an inch in diameter. They may be briefly described as being smooth, naked caterpillars, moderately dark in color, with longitudinal stripes running the full length of the body. The third stage in the insects' life begins when the caterpillars go into the ground or under stones to make the wonderful change from an active caterpillar to an apparently lifeless creature. This stage is



THE ARMY WORM.

called the pupa stage, or, in the case of the butterflies and moths, is more familiarly known as the chrysalis stage. A single chrysalis measures about three-fourths of an inch in length.

Capacity of a Corn Crib. It is a safe rule in estimating the size of a crib, to allow two cubic feet to each bushel of corn. By a cubic bushel is meant 70 pounds of ear corn, which is equivalent to 56 pounds of shelled corn. The rule is to allow 14 pounds for cob in the fall, and 12 pounds in the spring after the corn has been dried out perfectly. Two cribs thirty feet long, six feet wide and ten feet high, will by this rule hold 1,800 bushels. Ten feet is too high to throw corn easily with a scoop shovel, but there can be two openings for each crib extending down to within four or five feet of the floor, and when the crib is full to the bottom of these, short boards can be placed across them, as the crib is filled, and most of the filling can be done with ease. When the cribs must be filled to the top, a boy or man can throw corn back to the ends and fill it, so as to utilize all the space.

Subsoil Plowing. Subsoil plowing is peculiarly adapted to fall work, when the ground is apt to be dry. It is never the right thing to subsoil land when wet down where the subsoiler works. The ground would be left in a puddled condition, and worse off than if left untouched. Lands that are continually dry are not improved by subsoiling, as all moisture is absorbed by the bottom layer of soil. For this reason spring subsoil plowing is unfavorable, since it should be done when the soil is comparatively dry. If it continues dry the surface soil has no moisture for the germination of the crop, as it is absorbed by the loose layers of soil below. Fall subsoil plowing is therefore safest and best.

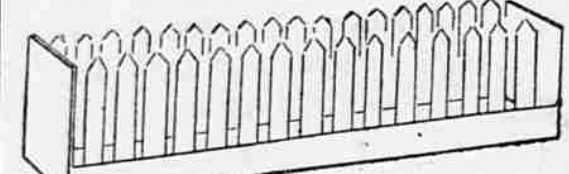
Dead Furrow a Nuisance. The dead furrow is always a nuisance in preparing land for a crop, unless it is upon wet lands, which must necessarily be thrown into ridges a couple of rods wide to carry off surface water. The reversing plow is now used and highly recommended when it is desirable to have lands level. We shall investigate this reversing plow and report upon its practical utility another season.

The Advance in Wheat. The price of wheat has advanced in all parts of the world, and is due to legitimate causes. First came a drought in Australia, which cut down the last crop in the colonies very materially. Later the advices from Adelaide indicate great need of rain, and the next crop there may be dwarfed on that account. Two bad years in succession

in Australia are improbable, but not impossible. The crop in the Argentine Republic is short for the same reason, and this is also true of India and Russia. The spectacle of California shipping wheat to Calcutta is one the world has never before beheld.

A Time for Liberality. A little neighborly help and counsel may go a great ways toward keeping some people from failure. There are in every community those who are in position to either distress or to help their less fortunate neighbors. In most cases it will do these people no good to draw the lines too tightly, while such action may cause the failure of some who would otherwise have avoided it. A man may be pretty hard up financially, and yet be all right. If his creditor knows this and takes advantage of it in a time of financial unrest the debtor and the whole business community are wronged, usually with no advantage to the creditor. No one is urged to take any great risk for the sake of accommodating a neighbor, yet all should realize the good that a little leniency may do, and the harm that may result from the opposite course.

Poultry Feeding Rack. For the bottom take a board 1 inch thick, 6 inches wide and 6 feet long, ends 1 inch thick, 6 inches wide and 18 inches long. Nail solid to ends of bottom; their ends flush with underside of bottom. Two strips half an inch thick and four inches wide are nailed to the edges of the bottom, thus making a trough three inches deep with ends 18 inches high. Then take strips one-quarter inch thick, 3 inches wide and



GRAIN WASTE PREVENTED.

18 inches long, pointed at upper end, and nail them to the sides of the trough, leaving a space between pickets of 1 1/2 inches for chicks or 2 inches for fowls. This gives a complete and durable feed rack, where the weak have equal chance with the strong, and no waste of feed.—Farm and Home.

No American Fat Stock Show. There will be no American Fat Stock Show in Chicago this year. The Illinois State Board of Agriculture has decided that the time is too short to allow for proper arrangements being made. The stockmen, too, are of the opinion that it would not be convenient for them to attend, the time being too short for them to get their herds in condition. It is probable that another cause has operated to some extent. The Springfield fair involved them in debt about \$15,000, and they had asked to have a guarantee fund of \$20,000 raised if the fat stock show was to be held. Only \$15,000 of the latter sum had been subscribed.

What Cultivation Does. Soil in its natural state is more apt to crack and fissure, and dries out much sooner than soil that has been stirred with an implement. Stirring the soil gives it a more uniform texture, and makes it more receptive and retentive of moisture. Thorough cultivation enables the soil to hold more water and feed more roots.

Dairy Data. It is well to remember that culls will come with the best of breeding.

If a cow has a sore teat, milk very carefully, and apply extract of witch hazel.

If a cow's teats are muddy or covered with other filth, they should be washed with water and then wiped dry before beginning to milk.

With temperature under control and churning direct at the right time, the butter will come solid so as to be easily handled and free from buttermilk.

When the butter is marbled, it is either caused by leaving too much buttermilk in the butter at the last working or the salt has not been distributed evenly.

Much of the average farm butter contains many of the essentials of good quality, but because it fails in one or more essentials it fails to bring best prices.

The laws enacted during the past two years with reference to oleomargarine seem to be slowly but surely reducing the output of the stuff, and they are certainly of great benefit to the legitimate dairy interests.

Agricultural Atoms. It is easier to keep a farm in good condition than to make it so.

Chinch bugs winter over among dead grass, in corn shocks, piles of rubbish, and along fences, especially hedges.

The potato blight is on the increase. Bordeaux mixture for blight and Paris green for bugs will have to be kept in stock by the potato grower.

For storing corn fodder, either shredded or bulk, any sort of a shed that has a rainproof roof will do. All that is necessary is that it be kept dry.

Land that is rich enough to produce crops on the "intensive" plan does not need rest, but a judicious rotation must be kept up, with clover mixed in somewhere.

Make your cellars frost proof, white-wash them, and let them at all times have light, and be capable of frequent ventilation. A cellar may be of greater value, or a nuisance.

The preponderance of evidence seems to be against the reploving of corn land for wheat. The land is in good condition without plowing. Cut the corn off low and drill in the wheat.

To tell when pumpkins are ripe chip them with the finger nail. If the nail makes a snapping noise when breaking through the rind it is ripe, but if it makes no noise or the chip comes off soft it is not ripe.

RODE INSIDE THE COWCATCHER.

Novel Journey of a Tramp in the State of Washington.

The man who rode in a cowcatcher bids fair to become a hero among the knights of the road, as well as a marvel to railroad men. His name is William Errixson and his years are 20—twenty years as replete with adventure as a chapter out of a dime novel. Beating his way over hundreds of miles of territory has become second nature to him, and a trip on a brakebeam is a positive luxury.

But wherein William Errixson has transcended all the feats of the migrating hobo is that he was the first and only individual of his kind to conceive and execute the audacious project of caging himself within a cowcatcher and beating a ride in that perilous and essentially melodramatic situation. It was thus that he traveled from Winnemucca to Wadsworth. He had to be careful in selecting his locomotive to find one that had no forward steam exhaust. He has some knowledge of locomotives, and so was able to pick out one with only side exhausts. Inside of the cowcatcher there is only a small space, and he found it necessary to sit upon timbers which are used for braces for the frame of the cowcatcher. Then he was in a half recumbent position, his hands clutched around the cowcatcher bars while the train was running fast. Being ahead of the drivers and the machinery, he was jolted terrifically by what is technically known as the "fall" of the locomotive. Every little depression in the track permits the dead weight of many tons of iron and steel to fall, with the added speed and momentum of the train, and then in an instant rebound, which is followed by another fall. As the track through Nevada is not level much of the way, Errixson, in his novel eryie, had the most thorough shaking up of any man who ever stole a ride west of the Rocky Mountains.

The air was intensely hot, and the smell of the oil and other odors from the locomotive was stifling. The distance between Winnemucca and Wadsworth is only thirty-five miles, but there are eight stops, and it seemed an age of suffering to Errixson before he reached a place where he could climb down and out of his perch. He climbed under the cowcatcher in the pit of the roundhouse, and got out in Wadsworth. His back was wrenched, his arms seemed ready to fall from their sockets, and his eyes were bloodshot. He staggered from the train undetected, and fell half exhausted in the sage brush, where he slept several hours, awaking with a terrible start from a dream in which he was once more speeding over the alkaline wastes, with the machinery of the locomotive pounding terrifically just back of him.—San Francisco Examiner.

Concluded Not to Fight. The earl of March, who was known as "Old Q," on one occasion was challenged to fight a duel by an Irish sportsman. Lord March appeared on the ground accompanied by a second, surgeon and other witnesses. Great, however, was his surprise to see his opponent appear with a like retinue to his own, but increased by a third person, who staggered under the weight of a polished oak coffin, which he deposited on the ground end up, with its lid facing Lord March and his party. Surprise gave place to terror when his lordship read the inscription plate, engraved with his own name and title, and the date and year of demise, which was the actual day as yet scarcely warm. The earl at once approached his facetious antagonist and upbraided him with so unseemly a joke, to which the Irishman replied: "Why, my dear fellow, you are of course aware that I never miss my map, and as I find myself in excellent trim for sport this morning, I have not a shadow of a doubt upon my mind that this open box will shortly be better calculated for you than your present dress." Lord March was so impressed by his antagonist's confident manner that a peace was patched up between them.

Pulling Teeth by Electricity. One can have teeth pulled painlessly without gas nowadays. Electricity does the job neatly and quickly. The person in the dentist's chair grasps two handles, which are connected with a battery by wires. At the same time the operator seizes his forceps, which likewise are on the end of a wire. He touches the tooth, completing the circuit, and instantly a local anaesthesia is produced. The teeth and neighboring gum are rendered for the moment insensible to pain, and out comes the offending molar with a dexterous twist. It's all over so quickly that the patient does not realize what has happened until the dentist smilingly holds out his palm for the fee.—New York Letter.

Tortoise Shell. The finest tortoise shell comes from the Indian archipelago, and is shipped from Singapore, and most of it is obtained on the Florida coast of America. There are three rows of plates on the back, called "blades" by the fishermen. In the central row are five plates and in each of the others four plates, the latter containing the best material. Besides these there are twenty-five small plates round the edges of the shell, known as "feet" or "noses."

Too Fast. Jones—Did you dedicate your new march to Philadelphia? Composer—No; but I dedicated a waltz. "Why not the march? "March time is too fast."—Texas Siftings.

Her Dear Friend. Clara—Mr. Nicefello said my face was classic. What is classic? Dora—Oh, most anything old.—Good News.

The Faults and Follies of the Age Are numerous, but of the latter none is more ridiculous than the promiscuous and random use of laxative pills and other drastic cathartics. These wrench, convulse and weaken both the stomach and the bowels. If Hostetter's Stomach Bitters be used instead of these no-remedies, the result is accomplished without pain and with great benefit to the bowels, the stomach and the liver. Use this remedy when constipation is manifested, and thereby prevent it from becoming chronic.

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The army of Mexico comprises about 40,000 men.

Catarrh

Is just as surely a disease of the blood as is scrofula. So say the best authorities. How foolish it is, then, to expect a cure from snuffs, inhalants, etc. The sensible course is to purify your blood by taking the best blood purifier, Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine has permanently cured Catarrh in a multitude of cases. It goes to the root of the trouble, which is impure blood. Remember

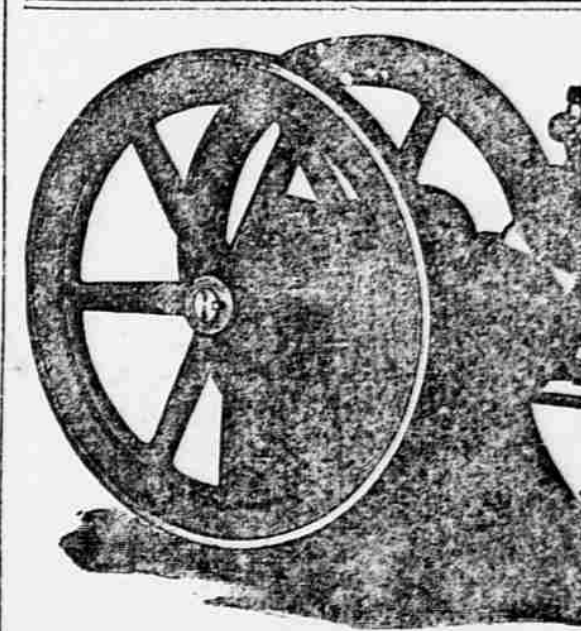
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